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shelled the town from a point twenty-  
eight miles away, was told to-day by  
John P. Brady, a Chicago newspaper  
man, who returned on the White Star  
liner Adriatic.

Brady was in Dunkirk during the  
second bombardment with John Borden,  
the Chicago millionaire, and mem-  
ber of the New York Yacht Club. Both  
had been acting as chauffeurs of hos-  
pital supply trucks attached to the  
hospital established by Mr. Borden's  
sister, Mrs. Mary Borden Turner.

There were two bombardments,"  
said Mr. Brady to-day. "The first took  
place on April 22 and 23, and the sec-  
ond on April 29 and 30. We were in  
Dunkirk when the second bombard-  
ment commenced at 10:30 o'clock on  
the 29th. It lasted that day until 2:30  
P. M., during which time twenty shells  
with a diameter of nineteen and a half  
inches, were hurled into the town.

TWENTY SOLDIERS KILLED  
WHEN FIRST SHELL STRUCKS  
"The first shell struck in the plaza  
in front of our hotel, about 250 yards  
from us, and very close to the arse-  
nal, at which the Germans were aiming.  
It killed twenty soldiers and one  
woman.

"Wherever a shell struck it made a  
tremendous hole, and all fell within  
an area of a square mile. The havoc  
caused by the explosion of the shells  
was so strong that it literally sucked  
up any one in the vicinity and threw  
them to the ground.

"Two shells struck a house next to  
the military hospital, completely de-  
molishing it. The concussion caused  
by the explosions was so great that  
thousands of wounded soldiers in the  
hospital were killed.

"Another shell hit the railroad sta-  
tion and killed three men. One struck  
the Casino, killing several. I after-  
wards went into this building, and the  
effect of the explosion had been so  
tremendous that the bones of one vic-  
tim had been driven into the wood-  
work.

"One shell chugged into the bay,  
and a second later the waters of the  
harbor seemed to heave and a rapid  
solid body. All the torpedo craft  
lying there immediately put to sea at  
full speed.

"The second day only eight shells  
were fired. Throughout the bombard-  
ment a German Taube aeroplane cir-  
cled above the city signaling to the  
distant gunners. The French gunners  
fired their antiaircraft guns and  
rifles at the aviator, but failed to drive  
him off.

# NO FEAR OF BELGIANS STARVING OVERNIGHT

Warehouses of American Commis-  
sion at Various Centers Well  
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MANY HARD PROBLEMS SOLVED

Managers Make Actual Gain in Effi-  
ciency, With Enormous Simplifica-  
tion in Methods—Actual Course of  
Cargo Followed to Its Distribution.

LONDON, May 23.—The warehouses  
of the American Commission for the  
Relief of Belgium at Rotterdam and  
various provincial centers are at last  
sufficiently well stocked so that the  
commission can stand the shock of in-  
terruptions in the receipt of supplies  
without fearing that the Belgians will  
starve over night.

One of the hardest problems with  
which the commission had to deal was  
the fact that belligerent nations re-  
fused to permit the purchase within  
their boundaries of foodstuffs for the  
Belgian sufferers. It was consequently  
necessary to obtain all the food over-  
seas. It was found that if purchases  
were made in the primary centers and  
then the most economical transport under-  
taken, the commission could save the  
transit at all times three months' food  
supply. The commission, therefore,  
managed to borrow \$1,000,000, secured  
upon the goods in transit, and the mem-  
bers of the commission pledged their  
personal credit for the further com-  
munes to bring up the stock of goods  
in transit as high as possible. In the  
early days the commission was unable  
to ship parallel with it a large quan-  
tity of foodstuffs, consisting of them  
for the purposes of sale for those  
who could pay. This meant a duplica-  
tion of the entire transport organiza-  
tion, and, in fact, was quite impossible  
because no gift cargo was sufficient in  
size to distribute over 3,000 communes;  
and the next thing the commission  
found was that it was borrowing from  
the gift cargoes and was loaning food  
from the sales department to the be-  
nevolent department. The direct busi-  
ness minds of the managers united  
which they sold all of the gift food  
from the benevolent department to the  
provisioning department. The be-  
nevolent department instead of having  
foodstuffs, thus had cash in hand. This  
they proceeded to distribute by weekly  
subventions to the consumers, and the  
communal authorities with this money  
purchased their required imports from  
the sales department. The result was  
an enormous simplification in the work  
and an actual gain in efficiency, as the  
communes were then able to buy pre-  
cisely what they required for each  
individual and local institution.

ACTUAL COURSE OF CARGO  
OF FOODSTUFFS  
It is of some interest to follow the  
actual course of a cargo of foodstuffs  
through the commission. Take the case  
of Argentine wheat. One of the large-  
est firms of grain buyers in the Ar-  
gentine undertook to make purchases  
on behalf of the commission without  
profit to themselves. This grain would  
be purchased in one of the central  
Argentine provinces, transported to

# WILSON WILL WELCOME PAN-AMERICAN GUESTS

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WASHINGTON, May 23.—The Pan-  
American Financial Conference in  
which administration officials put high  
hopes for a closer union of commercial  
financial and industrial interests of  
this hemisphere will begin here to-  
morrow. President Wilson will wel-  
come the visitors. The conference will  
last six days. Although neither the  
visiting delegates nor the administra-  
tion has authority to go beyond the  
spoken word, those who have planned  
it expect to see come from it some-  
thing more tangible than speeches or  
promises—a union of interest and pur-  
poses which eventually will work for  
the peace of the world and the better-  
ment of humanity.

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In addition to the President's ad-  
dress, speeches will be made at the  
opening session by Secretary Bryan  
and by a delegate from each South and  
Central American country. The Pres-  
ident will receive the delegates in the  
East Room at the White House at noon,  
and later addresses will be made at an-  
other general session by Secretaries Mc-  
Adoo and Redfield and Postmaster-Gen-  
eral Burleson. A reception will be  
given to-morrow night by Secretaries  
Bryan and McAdoo.

An important message which Brazil's  
representatives are said to have  
brought to the United States was the  
subject of discussion to-night among  
the delegates. The message is said  
to refer to the shipping situation.

# DEATHS IN VIRGINIA

Zach L. Damron.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., May 23.—  
Zach L. Damron, aged eight years, is  
dead at his home at Rockfish. He is  
survived by his wife and eight chil-  
dren—T. L. Damron, of Alderson, W.  
Va.; Z. L. Damron and Miss Carrie  
Damron, both of Charlottesville; Mrs.  
W. L. Dabney, Mrs. R. L. Harris and  
Miss Ella Damron, of Rockfish; W. D.  
Damron, of Roanoke, and J. D. Dam-  
ron, of Columbus, O. He also leaves  
twenty-two grandchildren and seven  
great-grandchildren.

John P. Plummer.  
PETERSBURG, Va., May 23.—John  
P. Plummer, aged fifty-eight years,  
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mander of Lee Jackson Camp of Con-  
federate Veterans of Lexington. He  
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bridge National Bank, and for years  
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Mrs. J. W. Keister.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
PULASKI, Va., May 23.—Mrs. J. W.  
Keister, wife of Dr. Keister, after a  
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dren survive.

Mrs. H. M. White, who, with her  
husband, had been stopping at Maple  
Shade Inn since Friday, died to-day  
after an illness of a few hours. Their  
residence is Muskogee, Okla. The body  
will be taken to Lexington, Va., for  
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# COUPON

Richmond Times-Dispatch, May 24,  
TAKE THIS COUPON  
and use to your nearest newsdealer and he will give you  
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John P. Brady, a Chicago newspaper  
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liner Adriatic.

Brady was in Dunkirk during the  
second bombardment with John Borden,  
the Chicago millionaire, and mem-  
ber of the New York Yacht Club. Both  
had been acting as chauffeurs of hos-  
pital supply trucks attached to the  
hospital established by Mr. Borden's  
sister, Mrs. Mary Borden Turner.

There were two bombardments,"  
said Mr. Brady to-day. "The first took  
place on April 22 and 23, and the sec-  
ond on April 29 and 30. We were in  
Dunkirk when the second bombard-  
ment commenced at 10:30 o'clock on  
the 29th. It lasted that day until 2:30  
P. M., during which time twenty shells  
with a diameter of nineteen and a half  
inches, were hurled into the town.

TWENTY SOLDIERS KILLED  
WHEN FIRST SHELL STRUCKS  
"The first shell struck in the plaza  
in front of our hotel, about 250 yards  
from us, and very close to the arse-  
nal, at which the Germans were aiming.  
It killed twenty soldiers and one  
woman.

"Wherever a shell struck it made a  
tremendous hole, and all fell within  
an area of a square mile. The havoc  
caused by the explosion of the shells  
was so strong that it literally sucked  
up any one in the vicinity and threw  
them to the ground.

"Two shells struck a house next to  
the military hospital, completely de-  
molishing it. The concussion caused  
by the explosions was so great that  
thousands of wounded soldiers in the  
hospital were killed.

"Another shell hit the railroad sta-  
tion and killed three men. One struck  
the Casino, killing several. I after-  
wards went into this building, and the  
effect of the explosion had been so  
tremendous that the bones of one vic-  
tim had been driven into the wood-  
work.

"One shell chugged into the bay,  
and a second later the waters of the  
harbor seemed to heave and a rapid  
solid body. All the torpedo craft  
lying there immediately put to sea at  
full speed.

"The second day only eight shells  
were fired. Throughout the bombard-  
ment a German Taube aeroplane cir-  
cled above the city signaling to the  
distant gunners. The French gunners  
fired their antiaircraft guns and  
rifles at the aviator, but failed to drive  
him off.

# NO FEAR OF BELGIANS STARVING OVERNIGHT

Warehouses of American Commis-  
sion at Various Centers Well  
Stocked With Supplies.

MANY HARD PROBLEMS SOLVED

Managers Make Actual Gain in Effi-  
ciency, With Enormous Simplifica-  
tion in Methods—Actual Course of  
Cargo Followed to Its Distribution.

LONDON, May 23.—The warehouses  
of the American Commission for the  
Relief of Belgium at Rotterdam and  
various provincial centers are at last  
sufficiently well stocked so that the  
commission can stand the shock of in-  
terruptions in the receipt of supplies  
without fearing that the Belgians will  
starve over night.

One of the hardest problems with  
which the commission had to deal was  
the fact that belligerent nations re-  
fused to permit the purchase within  
their boundaries of foodstuffs for the  
Belgian sufferers. It was consequently  
necessary to obtain all the food over-  
seas. It was found that if purchases  
were made in the primary centers and  
then the most economical transport under-  
taken, the commission could save the  
transit at all times three months' food  
supply. The commission, therefore,  
managed to borrow \$1,000,000, secured  
upon the goods in transit, and the mem-  
bers of the commission pledged their  
personal credit for the further com-  
munes to bring up the stock of goods  
in transit as high as possible. In the  
early days the commission was unable  
to ship parallel with it a large quan-  
tity of foodstuffs, consisting of them  
for the purposes of sale for those  
who could pay. This meant a duplica-  
tion of the entire transport organiza-  
tion, and, in fact, was quite impossible  
because no gift cargo was sufficient in  
size to distribute over 3,000 communes;  
and the next thing the commission  
found was that it was borrowing from  
the gift cargoes and was loaning food  
from the sales department to the be-  
nevolent department. The direct busi-  
ness minds of the managers united  
which they sold all of the gift food  
from the benevolent department to the  
provisioning department. The be-  
nevolent department instead of having  
foodstuffs, thus had cash in hand. This  
they proceeded to distribute by weekly  
subventions to the consumers, and the  
communal authorities with this money  
purchased their required imports from  
the sales department. The result was  
an enormous simplification in the work  
and an actual gain in efficiency, as the  
communes were then able to buy pre-  
cisely what they required for each  
individual and local institution.

ACTUAL COURSE OF CARGO  
OF FOODSTUFFS  
It is of some interest to follow the  
actual course of a cargo of foodstuffs  
through the commission. Take the case  
of Argentine wheat. One of the large-  
est firms of grain buyers in the Ar-  
gentine undertook to make purchases  
on behalf of the commission without  
profit to themselves. This grain would  
be purchased in one of the central  
Argentine provinces, transported to

# WILSON WILL WELCOME PAN-AMERICAN GUESTS

Financial Conference, to Last for Six  
Days, Will Hold First Ses-  
sion To-Day.

HIGH HOPES FOR CLOSER UNION

Secretary McAdoo Says Gathering  
Comes at Opportune Time, When  
Needed Spirit of Co-Operation  
Must Take Definite Form.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The Pan-  
American Financial Conference in  
which administration officials put high  
hopes for a closer union of commercial  
financial and industrial interests of  
this hemisphere will begin here to-  
morrow. President Wilson will wel-  
come the visitors. The conference will  
last six days. Although neither the  
visiting delegates nor the administra-  
tion has authority to go beyond the  
spoken word, those who have planned  
it expect to see come from it some-  
thing more tangible than speeches or  
promises—a union of interest and pur-  
poses which eventually will work for  
the peace of the world and the better-  
ment of humanity.

In a statement to-night Secretary Mc-  
Adoo says the present conference comes  
at an opportune time when the needed  
spirit of co-operation must take definite  
form, to develop solidarity among the  
republics of this hemisphere.

In addition to the President's ad-  
dress, speeches will be made at the  
opening session by Secretary Bryan  
and by a delegate from each South and  
Central American country. The Pres-  
ident will receive the delegates in the  
East Room at the White House at noon,  
and later addresses will be made at an-  
other general session by Secretaries Mc-  
Adoo and Redfield and Postmaster-Gen-  
eral Burleson. A reception will be  
given to-morrow night by Secretaries  
Bryan and McAdoo.

An important message which Brazil's  
representatives are said to have  
brought to the United States was the  
subject of discussion to-night among  
the delegates. The message is said  
to refer to the shipping situation.

# DEATHS IN VIRGINIA

Zach L. Damron.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., May 23.—  
Zach L. Damron, aged eight years, is  
dead at his home at Rockfish. He is  
survived by his wife and eight chil-  
dren—T. L. Damron, of Alderson, W.  
Va.; Z. L. Damron and Miss Carrie  
Damron, both of Charlottesville; Mrs.  
W. L. Dabney, Mrs. R. L. Harris and  
Miss Ella Damron, of Rockfish; W. D.  
Damron, of Roanoke, and J. D. Dam-  
ron, of Columbus, O. He also leaves  
twenty-two grandchildren and seven  
great-grandchildren.

John P. Plummer.  
PETERSBURG, Va., May 23.—John  
P. Plummer, aged fifty-eight years,  
died very suddenly of a heart failure  
on Pine Street late this evening. Heart  
failure was the cause. He is survived  
by his wife and one son.

W. C. Stuart.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
LEXINGTON, Va., May 23.—W. C.  
Stuart, aged seventy years, died last  
night at his home in Lexington after  
a short illness. He was a Confederate  
soldier, a member of the Rockbridge Ar-  
tillery, Stonewall Brigade, and was  
wounded at Second Cold Harbor and  
paroled at Appomattox. He was com-  
mander of Lee Jackson Camp of Con-  
federate Veterans of Lexington. He  
was an elder in the Presbyterian  
Church, vice-president of the Rock-  
bridge National Bank, and for years  
conducted a book store in Lexington.  
He is survived by his wife, who was  
a Miss Kinneer, of Lynchburg, and  
one daughter, Miss Hope Stuart.

Mrs. J. W. Keister.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
PULASKI, Va., May 23.—Mrs. J. W.  
Keister, wife of Dr. Keister, after a  
prolonged illness, was found dead in  
bed to-day. She was a native of  
Salsbury, N. C., and was about fifty  
years old.